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Questions for Auditing Microbiological Laboratories

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General

Name & location of lab: *Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary food Inspection, University of Ghent, Ghent, Belgium.*

Private or gov't lab? *Government*

How & when was accreditation obtained? *1998, by Accreditation Authority of Belgium.*

How & how often is accreditation maintained? *Ministry of Economic Affairs Accreditation Department. Minimum once and maximum twice a year.*

When and how is payment for analysis provided? *By Inspection authorities and customers and clients.*

Are results released before payment is received? *Yes*

Methodology for HACCP Salmonella samples (regulatory labs)

Does this lab analyze HACCP Salmonella samples? *Yes*

How is HACCP Salmonella samples received & recorded? *Samples are collected and mailed and brought to the laboratory by the clients.*

IS HACCP Salmonella samples analyzed on the day of receipt? *No (within one week).*

What method(s) is used for HACCP Salmonella samples? *AOAC*

Is it a qualitative method (i.e. +/- result)? *Yes*

Are HACCP ground beef samples analyzed for Salmonella? *N/A*

What is the size of the ground beef test portion? *N/A*

What buffer is used: *Buffered Peptone Water*

Sponge samples for Salmonella? *Swabs*

Poultry rinsates for Salmonella? *N/A*

Salmonella ground beef sample homogenates? *N/A*

Analytical controls are employed for each set of samples. *Yes*

How are HACCP Salmonella results expressed? *Positive or negative*

How are HACCP Salmonella results recorded: logbook

Data sheets/work sheets?

And/or Log books?

How and to whom are HACCP Salmonella results reported? By mail to establishment management

Are "check" samples periodically used to test the proficiency of the lab and analysts for Salmonella testing? Yes

Methodology for HACCP generic E. coli samples (in-plant or other private labs)

Does this lab analyze HACCP generic E. coli samples? Yes

How are HACCP E. coli samples received & recorded? Samples are collected by establishment and sent to the laboratory.

Are HACCP E. coli samples analyzed on the day of receipt? No - within one week

What method is used for HACCP generic E. coli samples? AOAC

Is it a quantitative method? Yes

What buffer is used: Buffered Peptone Water

**E. coli sponge samples? Swabs
Poultry rinsates for generic E. coli? N/A**

Are analytical controls are employed for each set of samples? Yes

**How are HACCP E. coli results calculated and/or expressed?
Quantitative=cfu/sqcm**

How are E. coli results recorded: Log books

data sheets/work sheets?

Log books?

How and to whom are HACCP E. coli results reported? By mail to establishment management and government inspection authorities.

Are "check" samples periodically used to test the proficiency of the lab and analysts for generic E. coli testing? Yes